

sufficiency by teaching them practical life skills, and providing nutrition education, parenting sessions and donations of bags of groceries.

American Culinary Federation Food Source Network, of Myrtle Beach, SC, was recommended by Representative MARK SANFORD. A group of chefs concocted this food rescue program, which assists local nonprofit organizations and educates families regarding nutrition.

Food Link, Inc. is a food rescue program located in Annapolis, MD. This group, nominated by Representative WAYNE GILCREST, delivers fresh produce to food distribution centers, cares for children with HIV and AIDS, and is in the process of establishing a nutrition education program for children.

Hearts to Nourish Hope, Inc., of Riverdale, GA, was nominated by Representative JOHN LEWIS. It takes a unique approach to the problem of local hunger by enlisting juvenile delinquents to distribute food and increase community awareness about the problem of hunger. This service opportunity enriches the lives of the youths involved while simultaneously meeting needs in the Riverdale community.

P.R.I.D.E. in Logan County, a 29-year old organization located in Logan, WV, was nominated by Representative NICK JOE RAHALL. This group works to feed some of the Nation's poorest children in the Appalachian region. It combats hunger through the provision of meals, nutrition education, and transportation to feeding sites. I am pleased that Alvin Queen was here to personally receive this honor.

Wayside Christian Mission's Family Shelter, operating since 1984 in Louisville, KY, was nominated by Representative MIKE WARD. This shelter provides three meals a day to homeless families with children, and places them in a healthy, nurturing environment.

Kid's Cafes, a project of the Food Bank of Coastal Georgia in Savannah, was nominated by both Representative JACK KINGSTON and Representative CYNTHIA MCKINNEY. This innovative program uses rescued food and volunteers to provide over 650 meals weekly to hungry children. It serves as a model for after-school feeding programs and is being duplicated across the country. We are delighted that Natalie Alwan could be here to receive this award.

The accomplishments of these organizations, and the determination of the people whose work has made these organizations successful, are inspiring. I hope that these awards serve to draw attention to the issue of hunger within our country.

The congressional Hunger Center is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead, speak, and act on behalf of the hungry, the poor, and victims of humanitarian cri-

ses. Representative BILL EMERSON and I serve as co-Chairs of this organization. On behalf of the board of directors of the Congressional Hunger Center I congratulate all the winners of this award, and encourage them to continue their work.

LINDA BURDICK AND CAROL BONNONO: TWO SPECIAL OREGON NURSES

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Nurses Week when we recognize the good work of nurses all across America. I rise before the House today to honor two nurses who have made special contributions in Oregon. Their hard work and dedication deserves national attention.

Linda Burdick is one of these special nurses. Linda has served the community as a public health nurse for 20 years. Linda recognized that Oregon's low immunization rates were a barrier for healthy childhood development and wellness. In response, Linda helped to obtain grant funding and recruited nurse volunteers to begin a monthly clinic in a Portland neighborhood where many children are at risk. With the help of the Oregon Nurse Association, Linda has taught over 500 registered nurses how to immunize.

Thanks to her work, the number of providers who may now administer vaccinations has risen dramatically—and so has the number of children who have been immunized. Under her leadership, over 800 children have been immunized over the last 15 months. In December 1995, Linda received the "Every Child By Two Award" in recognition of her work—the only registered nurse to have received it.

I would also like to commend the work of another nurse in Oregon, Carol Bonnono. In 1993, Carol came into my office in Washington, DC, to talk about health care. After 20 minutes, we began talking about her other passion: helping stop drunk drivers. Carol told me how she was actually prohibited by law from releasing to the police the blood alcohol levels of crash victims. In fact, a study conducted in my district showed that 86 percent of drunk drivers who go through emergency rooms are released without being charged for their offense. I was instantly impressed by her passion and her dedication to making a difference.

For 5 years, Carol doggedly pursued her goal of changing the law in Oregon. Last year, her efforts paid off and Carol's bill was signed into law by Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber. I was proud when the television program

"Dateline NBC" told her story this March. In Carol's honor, I was proud to introduce in Congress the "Carol Bonnono Act," H.R. 1982, which would help make the Oregon initiative the law of the land all across America.

Carol and Linda are both dedicated professional nurses who, like the thousands of nurses across America, serve their communities everyday. Their extraordinary efforts, however, are worthy of national recognition during National Nurses Week. I commend them for their good work, and all Oregonians should be proud of their success.

MEGAN LARSON, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Megan Larson, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Megan is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, MI.

Megan Larson is an exceptional student at Jackson County Western High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Megan has been involved with the National Honor Society and has earned several academic awards. She has also served as student government secretary and president. Megan has excelled athletically receiving the coach's award in basketball and track. She was also a snowfest princess and a homecoming queen candidate. Outside of school, Megan has spent much of her time volunteering for a variety of local activities.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Megan Larson for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.